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The communication, filed on 7/15/04, is non-responsive due to the improper amending of claims. For example, currently amended claim 8, lines 10 and 13, contains words that are struck through as well as underlined. It is unclear if Applicants are adding claim material and then deleting this material or, alternatively, deleting claim material and then adding this material. Proper and clear claim amending is requested.

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